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CALL FOR PAPERS: GREAT PLAINS SYMPOSIUM 2005

The 29th Annual Center for Great Plains Studies Symposium will be a joint conference with the Natural Areas Association. The topic this year is *Changing Natural Landscapes: Ecological and Human Dimensions*, and the symposium will be held September 21-24, 2005, at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska. This interdisciplinary conference will focus on both the ecological and human dimensions of our changing natural areas. Presentations, workshops, field trips, and social events will explore our ever-changing natural landscapes both as they affect and are affected by human activities. The Natural Areas Association and Center for Great Plains Studies encourage student participation in the conference, and we are pleased to announce oral paper presentation and poster contests for students. Student presentations and posters will be included in the regular sessions. Topics that would be appropriate for submission include: land ethics, natural resource management, bison conservation, protected areas and human rights, art and the environment, sacred sites, tribal lands, grassland ecosystems, and natural areas literature. Submission of abstracts, not to exceed 250 words, is due no later than April 8, 2005. Electronic submission of abstracts is preferred, but standard mail submissions will be accepted. Send abstracts to: James Stubbendieck, Program Chair, 2005 Natural Areas Conference, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, PO Box 880214, Lincoln, NE 68588-0214. E-mail address: cgps@unl.edu. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.unl.edu/plains/seminars/2005/sympindex.html>, or at www.naturalarea.org.

POW WOW SCHEDULE FOR NEBRASKA

The four tribes of Nebraska have announced the dates and locations for the Summer 2005 Pow Wow season:

SANTEE SIOUX WACIPI, Santee Pow Wow Grounds, Santee Nebraska, June 24, 25, & 26, 2005. For more information, please see: <http://www.santeedakota.org/>

WINNEBAGO POW WOW, Winnebago Pow Wow Grounds, Winnebago, Nebraska, July 14, 15, 16, & 27, 2005. For more information, please see: <http://www.winnebago-tribe.com/>.

PONCA POW WOW, Ponca Pow Wow Grounds, Niobrara, Nebraska, August 19, 20, & 21, 2005. For more information, please see: <http://www.ponca-tribe-ne.org/>.

OMAHA HARVEST POW WOW, Omaha Pow Wow Grounds, Macy, Nebraska, August 26, 27, 28, & 29, 2005. For more information, please see: <http://www.omahatribeofnebraska.com/>

COWBOY SONGS & RANGE BALLADS: PAINTING THE WEST WITH WORDS

The Buffalo Bill Historical Center will host a program on the musical heritage of the Northern Plains to be held April 8-10, 2005, in Cody, Wyoming. The 23rd annual Cowboy Songs & Range Ballads program focuses on the cowboy songwriters and poets who have captured the spirit, beauty, humor, and stories of the West in their poems and songs. This event encourages exploration and enjoyment of Western music and spoken verse—the oral traditions of Western ranching and rural life. There will be concerts, multiple performance venues, discussion sessions, films, and workshops. For more information, please call 307/587-4771, or visit: <http://www.bbhc.org>.

NEIHARDT AND JOURNALISM

The theme of the 2005 Spring Conference hosted by The John G. Neihardt Foundation will be: *Neihardt and Journalism*, and will be held April 30, 2005, at the Neihardt Center in Bancroft, Nebraska. Although known primarily as Nebraska's Poet Laureate, Neihardt began his literary career working for newspapers such as the *Bancroft Weekly Blade*, the *Omaha Daily News*, and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. He also worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs where he edited the bureau's magazine, *Indians at Work*. The 2005 conference will address issues related to journalism as a literary form, and will feature presentations by reporters, feature writers, columnists and authors. For more information, see: <http://www.neihardt.com>

NATIVE RANCHING AND RODEO LIFE ON THE PLAINS

The Canadian Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec, announced a new exhibit related to First People and the Great Plains. The exhibit is: *Legends of Our Times: Native Ranching and Rodeo Life on the Plains*. This exhibition portrays Native People's involvement in ranching, rodeo and industries related to this lifestyle. It explores the relationship Native People have had with the horse, dog, buffalo, coyote and deer and their transition to becoming cowboys, ranchers and rodeo participants. For more information, see: <http://www.civilization.ca/aborig/aborige.asp>.